GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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YOUTH HOSTELS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the Youth Hostels Scheme;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government purposes to construct more youth hostels in the country through Public-Private-Partnerships(PPP) mode;and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(DR. M. S. GILL)

(a)&(b): Yes,Sir.The Central Policy Committee (CPC) on Youth Hostels has reviewed the Scheme of Youth Hostel and the major decisions taken are as under:

(1) The selection of the site has to be done, keeping in mind the availability and suitability of the land,and effective utilisation of the youth hostels.The appropriate size of the plot,can be decided by the State Government,considering the fact that the location of the plot needs to be within the functional city area, which can be easily accessed by the youth. The recommended plot will be finally considered and decided by the Government of India,after taking into account the feasibility and utility of the site.

(2) The executing agency,for the construction of youth hostel will be decided by the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of General Financial Rules (GFRs) of the Government of India and can be from amongst the following:

(a) CPWD
(b) Central PSU handling Civil construction work,
(c) State Government PWD,and
(d) State Government PSU or Civil construction agency of the State Government.

(3) While planning new hostels, the need and requirements of youth in the current context may be relevant.

(c) & (d): No such proposal is under consideration at present.